

Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) voted today in support of stem cell research. S. 5, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, received bipartisan support to pass through the House with a vote of 247-176.

"I stand in strong support of S. 5. This bill sets strong ethical standards that don't exist today to ensure that we continue this research in an ethical way.

Stem cell research holds real promise to cures of so many diseases. But to unlock the full potential of this research, we must remove the artificial barriers that President Bush put in place to this research and to support the hopes of millions of Americans who work every day to survive under the burden of a life-altering diagnosis.

Nearly every family in this country has been touched. I had a cousin, Betty, who suffered and succumbed to MS. My grandmother and sister have suffered from cancer. In my State of Missouri, we took the extraordinary step in 2006 to vote to amend our State constitution to include protections for research and add strong ethical standards for it."

-Russ Carnahan, MO-3